### PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

### Please enter the following amended claims:

- A golf club according to claim 1, wherein metal pieces having different 3. thicknesses are fixed together by means of laser welding.
- A golf club according to claim, wherein metal pieces made of different metals 4. are fixed together by means of laser welding.
- A golf club according to claim 4, wherein at least 60% of the respective metal 6. pieces are made of the same metal.